



# Environmental Impact Statement and Section 106 Consultation for Proposed Changes to Green Bank Observatory Operations

*Green Bank, West Virginia*

## Overview:

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to conduct an environmental review to assess the potential environmental impacts of federal actions that could significantly affect the environment.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consult with interested parties and the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential effects of their proposed actions on significant historic properties.

The purpose of this public meeting is to obtain comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and gain insight on public concerns regarding historic properties.

## Timeline for Public Involvement:

- **Scoping Comment Period (completed):**  
October 18 – November 25, 2016
- **DEIS Published:** November 9, 2017
- **DEIS Comment Period:**
  - 60-Day Comment Period ends  
January 8, 2018
  - Public meeting on Draft EIS:  
Green Bank Science Center, November 30,  
2017; 5:00 to 8:30 pm
- **Final EIS target:** **Fall 2018**
- **Record of Decision target:**  
**By Early 2019**

## Submit Comments:

You may submit written comments on or before January 8, 2018 by either of the following methods:

**Email to:** [envcomp-AST-greenbank@nsf.gov](mailto:envcomp-AST-greenbank@nsf.gov),  
with subject line  
"Green Bank Observatory"

**Mail to:** Ms. Elizabeth Pentecost,  
RE: Green Bank Observatory  
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Project information will be posted, throughout the EIS process, at [www.nsf.gov/AST](http://www.nsf.gov/AST).